

FACT SHEET



National Mine Tailings Site Park Hills, Missouri

August 1998

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 will hold a public meeting to discuss the National Mine Tailings Site in Park Hills, Missouri. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Park Hills City Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the preliminary cleanup alternatives for the site. This meeting will provide the local community with an opportunity to comment on the cleanup concepts early in the planning process.

BACKGROUND

The National Mine Tailings Site is located in the Old Lead Belt of St. Francois County in southeastern Missouri. The site is composed of a large chat pile, two areas identified as the north and east erosion areas, a leveled tailing area now occupied by an industrial park, and relatively thin deposits spread over the area between the other deposits and the Flat River. The site is the result of mining operations and stockpiling of milling wastes from 1894 until the mill was permanently closed in 1936.

The EPA has determined that a removal action is required for this area because the lead in the chat piles presents a threat of exposure to people in the area. There is a potential for the lead-contaminated particles to be transferred offsite by wind and storm water runoff. Also, lead-contaminated tailings at or near the surface may migrate to surface water.

PUBLIC MEETING

You are invited to attend a public meeting to explain the proposed cleanup alternatives for the National Mine Tailings Site in Park Hills, Missouri.

**Tuesday, August 25, 1998
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Park Hills City Hall,
Council Chambers
10 Municipal Drive
Park Hills, Missouri**

EPA representatives will be available to discuss site activities and answer questions about the site.

LONG-TERM ACTION

The EPA is currently considering several preliminary cleanup alternatives for the National Mine Tailings Site. The site has been divided into four separate areas: the chat pile, erosion areas, thin tailings area and the industrial park. The potential cleanup methods vary by location on the site. The specific alternatives for each area will be explained at the public meeting, allowing community members to provide comments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about this fact sheet, or need additional information regarding this site, please contact:

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